

REMARKS

IN THE CLAIMS.

Applicant has canceled Claims 2-4, 6, 7 and 9 and added new Claims 10-14. Applicant asserts that the art of record does not disclose, nor render obvious, a method of transferring pipette tips as claimed. Applicant therefore asserts that the claims are in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

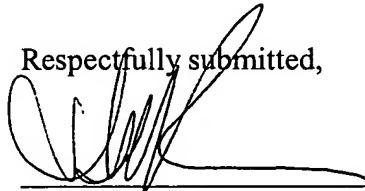
Applicant submits this preliminary amendment in conjunction with a request for a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). Applicant has cancelled all previously pending claims and added new claims 10-14. Applicant submits that claims 10-14 are in a condition for allowance and respectively requests that said claims be passed to allowance.

Early action and allowance is respectfully requested for all pending claims.

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If there are questions, the Examiner can reach applicants' counsel at (801) 521-5800 or by e-mail at rossat@HRO.com.

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